







**Figure 3-02B-1.** Tropical Cyclone 02B was the only tropical cyclone to develop in the Bay of Bengal during the fall transition season. Two warnings were issued on the system. It began on 3 November as a disturbance in the Bay of Bengal approximately 60 nm (111 km) west of the Nicobar Islands. Over the next three days the disturbance continued to slowly intensify as it tracked toward the west. The disturbance then curved northward and skirted the Indian coast. Post analysis indicated tropical storm intensity had been attained 12-hours prior to the issuance of the first warning at 090000Z. Tropical Cyclone 02B continued on its northeastward track and immediately made landfall at the Ganges River Delta in Bangladesh at 090000Z. The maximum intensity of 50 kt (26 m/sec) was reached just prior to striking the coast. After landfall, Tropical Cyclone 02B weakened rapidly. Damage to the coastal villages in Bangladesh was substantial. Officials reported 11 dead and at least fifty others missing as a result of heavy flooding and wind gusts of up to 65 kt (33 m/sec). The image above shows Tropical Cyclone 02B three hours after landfall (090331Z November DMSP visual imagery).